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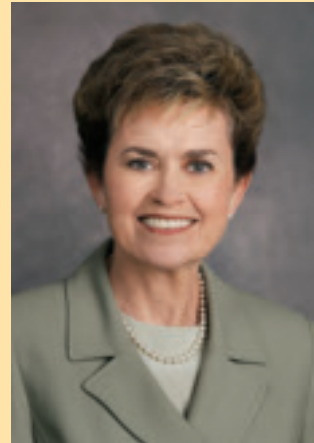
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from the president

Dear Reader,

One of the more memorable lines in the Bible's Book of Ecclesiastes is: *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...*

Next year will be my 20th at the Mount and my 11th as president. After a good deal of reflection, I have decided that, while I still have health, energy, enthusiasm and love for what I do, I will conclude my presidency at Mount St. Mary's College, effective July 1, 2011, or at a subsequent date when the search for a successor is completed. While a vibrant institution is never at a standstill, this moment in our history seems to be appropriate for a transition. The College is in a strong financial position; our enrollment continues to grow; and there are no emergencies. We completed a successful capital campaign in 2008, and our 2007–12 Strategic Plan is alive and advancing.



While I have been truly blessed throughout my many years in higher education, serving at Mount St. Mary's has been the culmination of an enormously satisfying educational journey. The Mount is a perfect fit for me. With the support of extraordinary trustees, superb alumni, distinguished faculty, talented staff, and generous regents and benefactors, and the unconditional love of my husband, Bob, together, we have made it possible to serve a most deserving and promising student population. As I have come to know our remarkable alumni, I am continually convinced that our excellent work and noble mission, begun more than eight decades ago by the visionary Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, thrive today in each one of us.

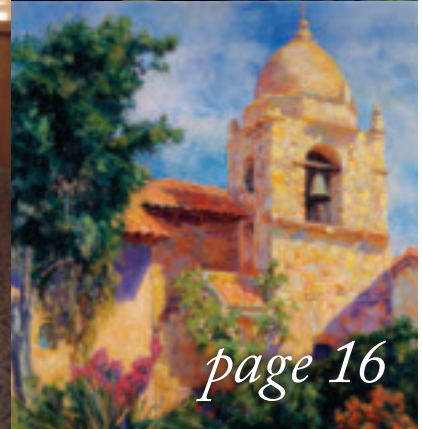
I look forward to leading the College through its 85th year and, following that, to learning to relish a new and relatively unknown phenomenon: the richness that can and should come with more leisure. As Catholic philosopher Josef Pieper reminds us: *Leisure is the basis of culture*. Ask Bob how I do!

With gratitude beyond my capacity to express in words, I remain forever thankful for the honor it is and has been to be the president of Mount St. Mary's College.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Powers Doud". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Jacqueline Powers Doud
President



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College Archivist Victoria McCargar is the keeper of 85 years of Mount treasures.

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Archivist Victoria McCargar in the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library at Chalon.
Photo by Carlos Puma.

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Nursing students listen intently to a recruiter at the Nursing Career Fair held on the Chalon Campus.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mount St. Mary's College offers a dynamic learning experience in the liberal arts and sciences to a diverse student body. As a Catholic college primarily for women, we are dedicated to providing a superior education enhanced by an emphasis on building leadership skills and fostering a spirit to serve others. Our measure of success is graduates who are committed to using their knowledge and skills to better themselves, their environments and the world.

Mount St. Mary's College is a diverse community committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination on the basis of any characteristic protected by federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation.

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Two Mount Seniors Awarded Teaching Fellowships

Two seniors at Mount St. Mary's College were awarded prestigious Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color in February.

Kenia Rosa '10 and Lorena Sinoi Mataalii '10 were chosen through a competitive selection process. Awarded to just 25 students across the country, each fellowship includes a \$30,000 stipend for the recipient to complete a master's degree in education. Each fellow commits to a three-year teaching assignment in a public school and receives mentoring along the way, as well as guidance toward teaching certification.

Mataalii, a first-generation college student, plans to enroll in an Ivy League master's program and then return with her degree to her hometown of Los Angeles to teach kindergarten or first grade. Rosa says



Kenia Rosa '10 and Lorena Sinoi Mataalii '10 are 2010 fellowship recipients.

her goal is to obtain a master's degree with an emphasis in literacy and then teach at an elementary school.

Established in 1992 by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), the Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color were created to help recruit, support and retain individuals of color as public education teachers and administrators. In January 2009, RBF transferred the program to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. MSMC counts more RBF fellowship recipients than any other institution nationwide.

College Acquires Property Adjacent to Doheny Campus

Mount St. Mary's College has obtained property from the Maryknoll Fathers at 745 W. Adams Blvd. The land includes a 100-year-old home reflecting the neighborhood's historic charm. "This is a long-term strategic move that will support the Mount's mission of offering high-quality Catholic higher education in Los Angeles," said President Jacqueline Powers Doud.

The parcel is 27,000 square feet and has a 6,200-square-foot home built in 1910 on the premises, along with smaller structures. In addition to giving the Mount new visibility along Adams Blvd., the space will enable the College to create a "one-stop shop," centralizing student academic support offices, such as financial aid, academic advisement, the business office and the registrar by Spring 2011.

"I am confident that this addition will further enhance the already outstanding quality of education at Mount St. Mary's College," said L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The University Park area, which includes the Doheny Campus, contains one of the highest concentrations of historic-cultural monuments of any Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in Los Angeles.

from the faculty

Peter H. Antoniou, MBA program coordinator and adjunct professor of business, presented a paper he co-authored, "An Exploratory Study of Changing Work Values: The Case of Japan," at the Academy of International Business-Southeast U.S.A. Chapter in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., in October 2009.

Scott Bryson, professor of English, received a Teaching Development Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in March. The funds will be used to improve the L.A. Literature website Bryson and his first-year students created over several semesters.

Tori Canillas-Dufau '98 MS, '01 MS, '04 MS, associate professor of nursing, and Joycelyn Porter, an ADN to MSN student, presented "Retention of Ethnic Minority Students in an ADN to MSN Program" at the National Association of African American Studies Conference in February in Baton Rouge, La.

Laurie Wright Garry, assistant professor of religious studies, presented "Scriptures and Traditions: Battlegrounds and Common Grounds" at the Catholic-Jewish Women's Conference at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Conference Center in Los Angeles in November 2009. Garry presented the Catholic perspective on the topic and Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, a professor at the Jewish Institute of Religion, spoke on the same topic from the Jewish perspective.

from the faculty

Jean Gima '81, adjunct instructor of nursing, presented "Cardiac Electrophysiology: Implications of Genetics and Genomic Research," to the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses in March in Granada Hills, Calif.

Robin Gordon, assistant professor of education, attended the 2010 Echoes and Reflections Professors' Study Tour in Jerusalem in January. The tour was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, Yad Vashem and the Shoah Foundation.

Alan Lee, assistant professor of physical therapy, co-authored an article, "Use of Telerehabilitation to Address Sustainability of International Service Learning in Mexico: Pilot Case Study and Lessons Learned," which was published in HPA Resource in August 2009.

Rebecca Otten, adjunct instructor of nursing, presented "Synergy and Serendipity: Partnership and Leadership" at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Master's Nurse Educator Conference in February in New Orleans.

Mount Celebrates Commencement 2010

Mount St. Mary's College celebrated a record 690 new degree holders in its graduate and undergraduate programs on May 10. The commencement speaker was Sonia Nazario, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.

Nazario, a veteran reporter with The Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles in the Times about a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the United States. In her commencement address, Nazario spoke of the generous though poverty-stricken people she met while reporting who fed starving migrants bound for America.

"I pray that when you receive your degree you will not think your education is over — that you will be open to new lessons from unexpected teachers," Nazario told graduates. "These lessons will take you into new



New Mount graduates celebrate after the ceremony.

and uncomfortable worlds — worlds that will help you always live with an open heart."

The Mount awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters to Nazario for her commitment to social justice. The College awarded its highest honor, the Carondelet Medal, to Michael A. Enright, a trustee of the College since 1991 and chair of the board since 2003. Commencement was held at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif.

New Trustees, Regents Join College

The Mount's Board of Trustees named three new members this spring: Janne Shirley; Sister Barbara Anne Stowasser, CSJ, '60; and Grace (Kadner) Wickersham '69. Shirley is Catholic chaplain for the Office of Restorative Justice, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif. Stowasser is the new provincial superior for the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Wickersham is senior vice president of Carpenter & Co., a bank consulting and investment banking firm in Irvine, Calif. Michael A. Enright chairs the board, which serves as the primary governing body of the College.

The College also welcomed two new members to the Regents Council: Forrest Bannan and Chris Turner. Council members are dedicated volunteers whose mission is enhancing the College's visibility and leading fundraising initiatives, such as A Midsummer Night's Dream, a gala event held this past fall to benefit the Mount's Student Ambassador program.

Mount Alum Day Offers Activities With a Spanish Flair

Mount Alum Day will be Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Chalon Campus. This year, the event traditionally known as Homecoming has been changed to Mount Alum Day for two reasons: to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of Mount St. Mary's by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and to demonstrate our school spirit.

Mount Alum Day is for all alums, including those with associate, bachelor's, master's and DPT degrees, and credential and certificate recipients. The event will have a Spanish flavor to launch the 2011 alum trip to Andalucía in southern Spain.

Mount Alum Day activities will include:

- Light lunch of ethnic foods provided by student clubs
- Student entertainment
- Workshops (see below for details)
- Archival displays from the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library
- Founders Day Liturgy celebrated by Father George O'Brien
- Celebration in The Circle with wine, Spanish tapas and music
- Reunions for the baccalaureate classes of '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00 and '05, with a special recognition of the 25th Silver Anniversary Class of 1985 (photos will be taken)
- Mount Alum Day Dinner for All — "Celebración Española" featuring flamenco entertainment
- After-hours coffee bar

For information about Mount Alum Day, call 213.477.2767 or go to www.msmcalums.la.edu/MAD2010.

Mount Alum Day Workshops

The Smart Way to Buy/Keep a House — Whether you are a first-time homebuyer or a retiree, find out how to avoid common pitfalls, navigate mortgages and manage everything in between.

If Picasso Could Do It, Why Not You? — Create your own Spanish majolica painting on a bisque plate. Learn the master's technique.

Navigate the Frontiers of Technology — Get an overview of the latest gadgets, from Kindles and iPads to BlackBerries and iPhones.

A Snapshot of the Art, Music and Culture of Spain — Whet your appetite for all things Spanish with a potpourri of Iberian music, art, architecture and history.

A Taste of Tapas — Find out what makes a delicious Spanish appetizer and create your own tapas.

Discover Mount St. Mary's as an Architectural Jewel — Take a walking tour of the Chalon Campus and discover how the architectural design was inspired by the Gothic universities of Spain.

from the faculty

Rosamond Rodman, assistant professor of religious studies, attended the 2010 Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture seminar in Amman, Jordan, in January. The seminar was sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

Marsha Sato '77, director of the Master of Science in Nursing program, presented highlights of the "Weekend Warrior Course for New Clinical Faculty" at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Master's Education Conference in February in New Orleans.

Shelly Tochluk, chair of the education department, presented "From Bystander to Witness: Paving the Path to Inclusivity" at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, Calif., in December 2009. The second edition of her book "Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It" was published in January.

Bruce Yazejian, assistant professor of biological sciences, had a paper accepted for publication in Neuroscience. The paper, "Monitoring Transient Ca²⁺ Dynamics With BK Channels at Active Zones in Frog Sacculus Hair Cells," was co-authored by Thanh Sy '09, a former Minority Access to Research Careers student. The work was supported by Yazejian's recent National Science Foundation grant.

in brief

Alums, Students Unite to Serve

In February, Mount St. Mary's College hosted its fourth annual Invitation to Serve, an event joining students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends in a day of service. More than 70 volunteers sorted food at the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, planted trees at Doheny with the Korean Youth and Community Center, and organized donations at the Downtown Women's Center. In its day-to-day operations, the Mount works with 85 different community partners to serve people across the greater Los Angeles area.



Students Give Hope to Haiti

After the devastating Haitian earthquake in January, Chalon students held a Hope for Haiti benefit and raised more than \$1,000 for Catholic Relief Services. The event featured performances by belly dancers, singers and musicians, and brought in funds through \$5 tickets, bracelet sales and donations. The evening was a joint effort by the Associated Student Body, student clubs, the Student Affairs department and Bon Appétit, the Mount's catering service.



Student Earns Distinction at Mock Trial Contest

Yevgeniya "Jane" Kutepova '11 earned a best witness honor at a regional American Mock Trial Association competition in Los Angeles in February. Kutepova competed among 160 college and university students from California and Arizona. The distinction is the latest in a string of successes for the College's pre-law program.

MSMC Named Among Top Hispanic-Serving Institutions

In a new report from USC's Center for Urban Education, Mount St. Mary's College was one of 25 Hispanic-serving colleges and universities in five states with effective practices for increasing the number of Latino students who pursue and earn bachelor's degrees in the so-called STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and mathematics. In October 2008, the Mount received a \$2.5 million federal grant to help more Hispanic students finish undergraduate degrees in math and science.

Students Learn Business Skills

This spring, the Mount continued its speaker series, The Vantage Point, sponsored by the business administration department. Speakers included two female executives: Gisselle Acevedo, president and CEO of Para Los Niños in Los Angeles; and Carol Dunn, entrepreneur and strategic partner with Spencer/Shenk/Capers & Associates in Gardena, Calif.



Clothesline Project Shines Light on Violence and Abuse

To give voice to women affected by violence, Mount students designed and displayed scores of anti-violence T-shirts at both Chalon and Doheny in February. The T-shirts were hung on clotheslines as part of the worldwide Clothesline Project.

Mount Community Aids Cancer Patients

In March, 31 Mount students and staff donated 417 inches of hair as part of a Make the Cut event benefiting cancer patients. Each participant clipped up to 10 inches of hair to help the organizations Beautiful Lengths and Locks of Love make wigs for women and children.



Mount Hosts Critical Teaching Conference

Mount St. Mary's Center for Cultural Fluency and the education department hosted a Critical Teaching in Action conference in March, bringing educators and students from across the city together to share innovative social justice curricula. Highlights included a keynote address by Ariel Luckey, a hip-hop artist, and interactive workshops by Mount faculty and community organizations, including youTHink, Facing History and Ourselves, and Inner-City Arts.

Nursing Students Fight Health Crisis With Vaccinations

At the onset of flu season this past September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called for help to contain the H1N1 virus and influenza. Several Mount associate degree in nursing students responded. The students worked with college peers throughout the region to immunize staff at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center. The



Students Raise Awareness of Refugee Crisis

In March, students from the International Relations Club organized the first Refugee Campus event to raise awareness of the refugee crisis around the world. During the overnight event at Chalon, participants were divided into refugee groups from five regions: Darfur, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Myanmar and North Korea. In these groups, students built shelters on the lawn out of cardboard, tarps and rope; applied for political asylum; learned about diseases present in their countries; and searched for water on a scavenger hunt. Dinner was a simple meal of beans, rice and bread. "It was great to see students experience being refugees and learn what they can do to help," said Karina Macias '10 (left), club vice president. Macias is pictured with Lia Roberts, assistant professor of political science.

community effort inspired five Mount nursing students to turn their experience into a research poster, which they presented at a national Society of Pediatric Nurses meeting in April.

Grad Psychology Department Offers New Specializations

Starting in Fall 2010, the graduate psychology department will offer two new specializations in general counseling psychology and mental health administration. Designed

for professionals who don't want to become licensed therapists, both programs contain counseling psychology core courses. The mental health administration specialization features graduate business classes taught by the Mount's MBA faculty. The general counseling psychology program includes coursework in other MSMC graduate programs such as the humanities, education and religious studies. For more information on the new programs, visit www.msmc.la.edu/gradpsych.

CSJs Celebrate Anniversaries

The Mount congratulates the following sisters on their 2010 jubilee anniversaries. Sister Mary Esther McCann is celebrating 80 years. Those celebrating 70 years include: Sister Mary Gratia De Grancesco, Trustee Emerita Sister Mary Brigid Fitzpatrick '47, Sister Teresa Marie McIntier and Sister Ellen Joseph Russell '55. Those celebrating 60 years include: Sister Joan Gloistein, Sister Marianne Johnson, Sister Mary Joann Lindenfeld '49 and Sister Adrienne Clare Pereira. Those celebrating 50 years include: Trustee Sister Mary Patricia Rosholt '64 and Sister Kieran Vaughan '64. Sister Anne Davis '81 is celebrating 25 years.



College Named to 2009 Presidential Honor Roll

For the second consecutive year, Mount St. Mary's College has been honored with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service to the greater Los Angeles community. Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college or university can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement.



National Traveling Exhibit on Catholic Sisters to Come to Mount St. Mary's in Summer 2011

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America, a traveling exhibit featuring the innovative, action-oriented women who played a significant role in shaping the nation's social and cultural landscape, will be on display at the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery next summer. The exhibit, which has been shown at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., will make its only West Coast appearance at Mount St. Mary's College. Shown above is a photo from the exhibit of Sister Barbara Battista, SP, marching against war in 2004. For more information about the exhibit and tour dates, visit www.womenandspirit.org.

Students Attend Lobby Day at State Capitol

Giselle Soler '10 and Dennise Carrera '12 visited the California State Capitol in March to meet with legislators for Cal Grant Lobby Day, sponsored by the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities. While in Sacramento, they met with Assembly members and senators representing both the Chalon and Doheny campuses, as well as their home districts. They thanked legislators for their support of Cal Grants and spoke about the importance of this vital financial aid

program the state has offered since the 1950s.

College President Honored by Alma Mater

President Jacqueline Powers Doud received the 2010 Coffey Award from Loyola University Chicago at its Founders' Dinner in June. Doud earned her bachelor's degree in French from Mundelein College in Chicago and later became a full-time faculty member in French at the college from 1967–72. In 1991, Mundelein College became part of Loyola University Chicago.



Mount Athenians Walk for Women's Cancers

Sixty-six members of the College community, including family and friends, joined Mount St. Mary's Athenians in the 17th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women in May. The team wore T-shirts designed by Homeboy Industries and was sponsored by Omega Rho, a new nursing honor society. The Mount contingent raised nearly \$7,000. The college team was among the top 50 fundraising groups participating in the event.

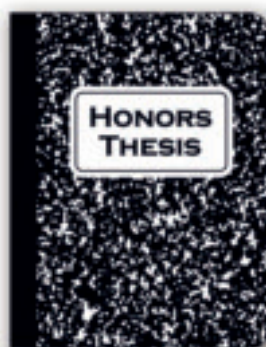
MSN Student Writes Online Column for Oncology Nurses

Ann Brady '12, a student in the Master of Science in Nursing program, is a contributing editor and writes a monthly column called "Communication Challenges" for Oncology Nurse Advisor, an online magazine. The magazine published its first print edition in March, which contained her essay, "What's a Mother to Do?"

Health Care Debate Comes to Chalon Campus

Students, faculty and staff filled William H. Hannon Theater on the Chalon Campus this past fall to hear a mock debate among members of Congress on health care reform. The "Model Congress" was formed by political science majors from a

legislative process course taught by Helen Boutrous, chair of the history and political science departments. Voicing opinions on the issue were Sen. Harry Reid, portrayed by Alicia Herrera '11, Sen. Mitch McConnell, portrayed by Adriana Garrido '11, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, portrayed by Richelle Menezes '10.



Seniors Present Top-Notch Theses

This past academic year, three students completed Senior Honors Theses, a major research project that examines a topic from the perspectives of two disciplines. Congratulations to Crystal Milo '10 for "Implications of a Democratic China," Nicole Que '10 for "Flipped: An Exploration of Male Nursing Students at a Women's College," and Julia Sauter '10 for "The Changing Faces of the Catholic Church: Institution Versus Community — A Case Study of El Salvador."

Correction

In our Winter/Spring 2010 issue, we inadvertently omitted the Regents Council as the sponsor of A Midsummer Night's Dream, the gala benefiting the Student Ambassador program. We thank the Regents for their continued support.

FUN FACTS



Undergraduate Admission

Recruiting a new class of traditional undergraduate Mount students is a yearlong process. Counselors from the Office of Admission attend college fairs, visit high schools and spend hours corresponding with potential students to ensure a full class on the first day of the new semester.

Here's a look at the numbers for Fall 2010.

11,000

Application pages processed

1,798

Complete applications submitted for Doheny and Chalon Campuses

1,310

Students admitted to the Mount

525

\$100 deposits made to reserve students' spots

6

Busy admission counselors

2

Excited first-year classes





KEEPING HISTORY

ARCHIVIST VICTORIA MCCARGAR IS THE KEEPER OF 85 YEARS OF MOUNT TREASURES.

BY DENIS FAYE PHOTOS BY CARLOS PUMA

Wander through the Mount's archives in the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library on the Chalon Campus and you're literally surrounded by history. The contents of the secluded first-floor Spearman Room range from a 16th century Hebrew grammar book and yellowed editions of the College's first newspaper, *The View*, to overstuffed sorority scrapbooks from the '50s and a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible.

Overseeing it all is College Archivist Victoria McCargar. Given this nationally recognized expert's passion for and knowledge of all things archival, you'd think the conversation regarding the impressive collection would be illuminating, the tones hushed and the mood reverent.

Instead, we talk about roller derby.

One of McCargar's duties is to answer requests for information. While some of these requests require little more than a quick peek in an old binder, others become major research projects, such as a recent request from the Mount's public relations department to substantiate a Wikipedia claim that '60s roller derby star Joan Weston of the San Francisco Bay Bombers attended the College.

After digging through a stack of old yearbooks and campus newspapers, McCargar discovered that Weston, who went by the nickname "Blond Bomber" in her prime, did attend the College, although she never graduated. While playing softball for MSMC in 1953, she hit eight home runs in a single game. The strangest thing of all, though, is that Weston died in 1997 of mad cow disease. "You can't make this stuff up," McCargar says. "I love this job."

The Mount St. Mary's College archives have, technically, been around since the very beginning in 1925, when the sisters began pasting Mount-related news clippings



Victoria McCargar helps Sarah Landowski '11 locate materials for her research paper.

ASK AN ARCHIVIST

Each semester, College Archivist Victoria McCargar is asked by everyone from students to scholars to research interesting questions, reaffirming the value of preserving decades of college records. Here is a list of the five most common questions and the answers she has discovered:

Who had the first nursing program in the city of Los Angeles?

"Mount St. Mary's has bragging rights over UCLA for graduating our first baccalaureate nurses in 1952," McCargar says. "I get asked nursing questions by faculty who want photos for orientations, by authors writing historical articles, and by the Mount's corporate and foundation relations staff for grant applications."

When did men first take classes at the College?

"Men at the Mount is a very popular question," McCargar says. "The first male Mount students took classes on campus in the 1930s in something called the Bishop Cantwell School of Liturgical Music. In 1972, we began allowing men into our nursing program, but no man actually enrolled in classes until the late 1980s. The earliest male nursing grad I've found is in 1993."

Can I get a copy of the [poem, article, editorial] I wrote for the [insert name of publication]?

"We have a complete set of all the campus newspapers and literary journals the Mount has ever published," McCargar says. "Alums who had poems or stories published often call or write to request a copy of their work. I hunt these pieces down as time permits."

Do you have information on [insert name of relative] who attended MSMC?

"Sometimes I get asked to research the genealogy of the most interesting people," McCargar says. "For example, the great nephew of Sister Rosemary Lyons, CSJ, the Mount's fifth president, recently came to my office to meet with me and find out all he could about his great aunt. He wanted to be able to tell his family they were related to a wonderful nun."

Do you have photos of the Bel Air Fire?

"We have lots of photos of the fire and the destruction it caused to the Chalon Campus in November 1961," McCargar says. "I have provided these photos to both media outlets and people on campus. It's a very popular request during fire season."

and memorabilia into scrapbooks. The books, along with other photos and documents collected over the years, eventually found their way to the “Treasure Room” in the library where rare books and art were kept. In the early ’70s, one of the librarians, Sister Margaret Lynch, CSJ, received formal training in archiving and set about organizing and inventorying the collection. Around 1988, Sister Mary Germaine McNeil, CSJ, ’40, retired professor of classics, took over. She was followed in 1997 by Sister Mercia Louise Zerwekh, CSJ, ’37, a psychologist and mathematics professor. Although they had no formal training, these latter sisters took the job seriously, keeping meticulous inventories. Sister Mercia Louise was in her 90s and still on the job when she passed away in 2005.

Three years later, McCargar became archivist No. 4. Managing the Mount’s collection is her first foray into maintaining paper records. Prior to this, she was at the Los Angeles Times, where she worked on the editorial side of the paper’s digital archives, a gig she stumbled on after 20 years editing business news and managing the art department. As she puts it, she’s a “geek journalist” at heart, so the Mount job was a good fit. Her experience with data management — and more important, its loss — has earned her national attention in archives circles. In August 2009, she chaired a panel titled “All the News That’s Fit to Keep: The Challenge of News Preservation in the Digital Age” at the Society of American Archivists annual meeting. She also participated in a national discussion on digital preservation held at the Library of Congress in September 2009. She is on the faculty of San Jose State University’s School of Library and Information Science, teaching a popular online class in preservation management.

Since McCargar started at the Mount in early 2008, the archives have gone from a locked room visited occasionally

by library staff and students to an efficient, visible resource. She has worked through a backlog of information requests and now answers about two requests a week. She accepts submissions of records and historic documents from campus departments and determines whether they are archives-worthy. Currently, she’s digging through the final few boxes from a massive 15-box drop of “stuff people didn’t know what to do with.” (*Stuff*, she adds, is a technical archival term.)

There is also the matter of updating the archives’ organization. She didn’t change the system too much, because once the byzantine structure has been established, “things are where they are, and in the order they’re in, for particular reasons.” Though organized and efficient, the sisters weren’t high-tech, so the lists McCargar inherited existed solely on paper. She scanned and digitized them



to make document searches easier. She is also creating a series of “finding aids” to help researchers quickly narrow down their searches for topics such as the Alumnae Association or the school’s historic diversity programs.

And then there’s the never-ending battle to keep the aging documents safe. After a water leak hit the library in May 2009, McCargar and a small army of librarians and students rescued wet books from the Special Collections shelves and set up a staging area in the President’s Conference Room to dry them out, using equipment McCargar borrowed from UCLA. The damaged books were mostly 19th century Bibles, impressive looking in their ornate bindings but of little or no monetary value.

On the other hand, she thinks that a small 16th century Hebrew grammar book on a nearby shelf may be priceless. With a cover made from sheets of recycled parchment, a calfskin spine and cotton rag pages, the book is thought to be the first printing of the teachings of a medieval rabbi

named Moses Kimhi to instruct Christians in the Hebrew language. Given that McCargar suspects that the book may be “unique in the world,” this one doesn’t go on display with the bargain-rate Bibles. She keeps it safely in an acid-free cardboard box, as she does anything else she thinks is rare or valuable, including important documents. “They’re buffered from the environment,” she explains. “If there’s stuff we want to keep a long time in terms of records, I eventually try to get those things into these boxes.”

In addition, she controls the archives’ temperature, trying to keep it a pleasant 72 degrees. Warmer than that speeds up deterioration. “The ideal temperature is 68 degrees,” she says, “but I have to work in here, so what’s comfortable for me is also comfortable for the books.”

McCargar’s TLC is evident, but the one thing she isn’t doing to maintain the collection is digitizing it. Sure, she’ll fill requests to scan images from among thousands of photos, but the resulting files are purely for presentation or distribution, not archiving. In McCargar’s opinion, the Mount’s history is better off on paper for now. Digital collections, she says, are nearly impossible for a small college like the Mount to preserve. They require extensive cataloging, a specialized IT department and perpetual funding. Digital archives are “like having a patient on life support,” McCargar says. “You can never pull the plug. It’s a struggle for archives much bigger than the Mount’s.”

Because technology constantly shifts, digital archives require continual migration — a dicey prospect at best. “You have to constantly be changing the media,” McCargar says. “You don’t have floppy discs anymore, so you have to change that. CDs are on their way out. DVDs are on their way out. And then the software becomes obsolete or you get formats you can’t open. I got 200 pictures yesterday that I can’t even look at. So it’s not practical to talk about

archiving them electronically.”

Basic image management systems hosted by a third party can run into the tens of thousands of dollars a year — and the systems can never be shut down, because all of the pictures would be lost. With that financial reality in mind, McCargar opts for the “benign neglect approach.” Recently, she received five years’ worth of Student Affairs council agendas and minutes on CD — an important contribution

to the archives, considering she already has those minutes dating back decades. While she plans to keep the discs for at least five years, the first thing she did was print them all out. “Put it in a folder, keep it dry, and it’ll be there for a hundred years — provided we can keep the fire away,” she says.

With photos and documents from the historic event housed in the archives, the Bel Air Fire of 1961 is never far from McCargar’s

mind. She often wonders what she would grab first in a similar emergency. In July 2009, when a brush fire near the Getty Center threatened the Chalon campus, McCargar rushed back to the Mount. For safety reasons, she found it closed to entering traffic. “I wanted to grab Moses Kimhi’s little Hebrew grammar book,” she says. “I prayed all the way home.”

And as she drove, she also pondered the futility of trying to retrieve a single book. “The grammar is one of a kind, so it’s an obvious choice, but then what? What else would I take? A file drawer? As far as the archives go, it’s all kind of universally valuable.

“We’ve lost stuff,” she continues. “I can see the gaps. Administrative records before the ’60s. There isn’t much from Doheny in the ’70s or many files after 2003, when records went digital. But the fact that we have good archives at all means that people were careful, did the right things and tried to keep it. That’s what I do.” ♣



Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Boosts Endowed Scholarship by \$500,000

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded Mount St. Mary's College \$500,000 to enhance the Conrad N. Hilton Endowed Scholarship Fund and increase the amount of financial aid provided to students annually.

Scholarship funds are an essential component of the Mount's efforts to serve students from diverse backgrounds. Financial aid packages are complemented by the academic and social support necessary to ensure persistence and timely graduation. The fund supported the education of six Mount students during the 2009–10 academic year.

Seniors Give Back to the Mount

The Class of 2010 presented President Jacqueline Powers Doud with a senior gift to the College at the Senior Farewell Dinner in May. One hundred students attended the event, held in the Pompeian Room of the Doheny Mansion. Continuing the tradition of giving back to the Mount, the seniors designated their gift to purchase an umbrella table for The Circle patio at

Chalon. At the dinner, students learned that their donation would be matched 2-to-1 thanks to the generosity of President Jacqueline Powers Doud, Robert Doud, her husband, and Paul Craft '03, '09 MS, former vice president for institutional advancement.



From left, Rosie Rios '10, Claudia Pineda '10 and Wendy Coreas '10 enjoy the atmosphere at the Senior Farewell Dinner in May.

Santa Monica Women's Group Establishes Fund for Mount Students

At the Mount St. Mary's Annual Scholarship Luncheon in February, the Santa Monica Bay Area Branch of the American Association of University Women announced it was establishing an endowed scholarship at the College. The AAUW group, which is disbanding this year, has been donating to the Mount since 1992.

"We established the Local Scholarship Fund of the AAUW because we wanted to have a local impact," said Jo Kidd, fund president. In addition to providing financial resources, group members enjoyed meeting their scholarship students personally and showing them that there were university-educated women who were interested in them and their well being.

The group first established a giving relationship with MSMC because member Alienne Whitener was a former Mount employee.

Student Scholarships Benefit

Mount St. Mary's has been awarded several grants for student scholarships. The general scholarship fund was strengthened by an award from the Ahmanson Foundation.

Nursing student scholarships got a boost from four organizations. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded funds toward scholarships for students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Three hospitals also renewed their forgivable student loans for both the accelerated and traditional nursing programs: Kaiser Permanente of Southern California, Northridge Hospital Medical Center and Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

Royes' Mount Connection Inspires Gift Annuity

For Verna Royes, education has always been an important philanthropic priority. As a result, Royes has invested in charitable gift annuities for several local colleges and universities, but she chose Mount St. Mary's because of a personal connection. She has known Mount graduate Jennifer (McCormick) Bartlett '95 since she was a baby. In addition, Bartlett's husband, Jesse, earned a master's degree in humanities from the College in 2008.

Royes says her boundless enthusiasm for life, stalwart belief in God and gratitude for all the blessings she has received during her 95 years compels her to give back to others.

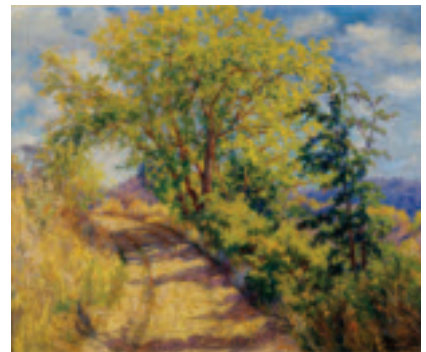


Tower, Carmel Mission, circa 1948. Oil on canvas

Through the Cherry Trees, Majorca, before 1931. Oil on canvas



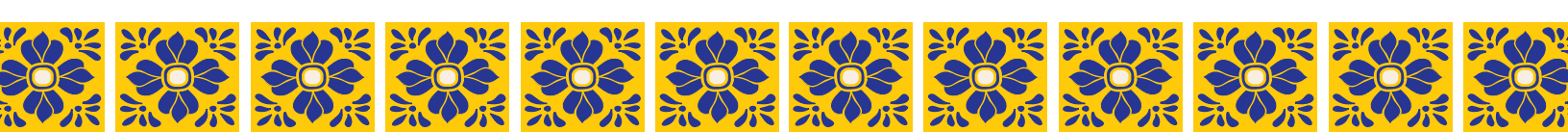
Old Church, Deya, Majorca, circa 1922. Oil on canvas



Country Road, Paso Robles, circa 1938–44. Oil on canvas

In 1972, Spanish artist José Drudis-Biada and his foundation received a request from Mount St. Mary's College to help rebuild the College's art building that was destroyed by the 1961 Bel Air Fire. The foundation, which was created to support educational, religious and charitable causes, agreed.

In the following years, Drudis-Biada developed a close relationship with the Mount. When the project was complete, the College had a lovely new building, which eventually came to house in its permanent collection Drudis-Biada's body of work — 92 pieces including oil paintings, watercolors and drawings spanning his long and prolific career. Here are a few remarkable works currently on display. ♣



Plan to attend

FOUNDERS WEEK *and* MOUNT ALUM DAY

October 3–9

Mount St. Mary's College and Alumnae Relations invite you back to your alma mater for a fun, memory-filled week. These days will unite alums and students on the beautiful campuses of the Mount to reminisce about the past, share the present and look to the future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 3

Alumnae Mass in Mary Chapel

Come and celebrate an evening Mass with the students on the Chalon Campus.

Monday, Oct. 4

Mount Spirit Day

Show your Mount spirit – Wear your Mount T-shirt, sweatshirt, etc. to work, to class or to the store and take your photo. Send it to us at alums@msmc.la.edu or upload it to our Alum Facebook page. Let's show our pride in our alma mater!

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Mount Treasure Hunt

So you think you know a lot about the Mount — let's find out!



Class of 1979

Thursday, Oct. 7

MSMC Birthday Celebration and Day of Lace — the History of the CSJs

Enjoy birthday cake with the students to celebrate 85 wonderful years of the Mount. Also, learn about the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, from their French lace-making days to their founding of the College and continued involvement today.

Friday, Oct. 8

Alumnae Concert

Come enjoy an evening of beautiful music in the Pompeian Room of the Doheny Mansion. For more information and tickets, contact Sister Teresita Espinosa, CSJ, at 310.954.4265.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Mount Alum Day

Mount Alum Day activities include:

- Workshops
- Archival displays from the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library
- Founders Day Liturgy celebrated by Father George O'Brien
- Celebration in The Circle
- Reunions
- Outstanding Alum Awards
- Mount Alum Day Dinner for All — "Celebración Española"
- After-hours coffee bar

Register online today! www.msmcalums.la.edu/MAD2010



welcome

We invite all alums to attend **Mount Alum Day on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at the Chalon Campus** and to participate in the activities of the inaugural **Founders Week, Oct. 3–8. Show your MSMC pride and enjoy this great opportunity to meet and mingle with current students and fellow alums. Please contact Alumnae Relations at 213.477.2767 for more information.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
Mount Alum Day —
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.**



The Golden Grads of 1960 celebrate at the Baccalaureate Mass, May 2010.

class notes

'43

Mary (Pansini) La Haye was awarded a Silver Seal from Mom's Choice Awards for her children's book, "A Wizard Sleeping on a Watermelon and Other Wondrous Sights."

'47

Pat (Gisler) Galt and her husband celebrated their 60th anniversary in the company of their three children and five grandchildren at Lake Arrowhead, Calif., where the couple spent their honeymoon years ago.

'50

Joella (Hardeman) Gipson received the Peacemaker Award in April from Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

'51

Angela (McDonald) Kay and her husband have been members of the Neocatechumenal Way, a life-changing Catholic group, for 20 years.

'53

Lavelle (Rotsler) Parsons is living in Arizona. She and her husband, a retired architect, have fun traveling to the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures conferences in Madrid; Istanbul; Dresden, Germany; London; and Atlanta. She has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She keeps in close contact with classmates **Genevieve Denault** and **Portia Loughman**.

'57

Mary Louise Barreto is a bilingual family and adolescent therapist in Oxnard, Calif. She has been in private practice since 1982 and serves a multicultural population of 250,000.

Gloria DiCenso-Sprietsma celebrated her 75th birthday with a road trip through Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia with her husband. The highlights were visiting her daughter in Memphis, Tenn., viewing the Civil Rights District in Birmingham, and touring the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta.

Nancy (Mack) Gallivan has been married for 53 years. She has seven

children and 25 grandchildren. She and her husband recently visited four grandchildren in Hong Kong. They also traveled from Hong Kong to Australia for a three-week tour. Traveling has been their passion since being stationed in England shortly after their marriage in 1958. They have explored every continent except Antarctica and South America.

Mary Ann (Bauerlein) Kraemer is proud of her sister, **Judi Bauerlein '60**, who received the American Montessori Society 2010 Living Legacy Award at the annual convention in Boston. She was honored for 38 years of Montessori teaching.

'58

Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, CSJ, wants to thank the many Mount alums who sent congratulatory cards for her retirement. She says, "God bless you!"

'59

Carol (Glanville) Frampton and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary in February. The Framptons, their five children and 10 grandchildren, live in Maui. She is an active volunteer, helping at church, in

the community and twice a week at a nearby elementary school.

Janet (Lewis) Ryan-Miller retired from teaching in 1996 but still does classroom presentations about children born with severe craniofacial deformities. She is on the board of trustees for the Craniofacial Foundation of Arizona as an educational consultant and also serves the Barrow Children's Cleft and Craniofacial Center as a school consultant. To date, she has presented to more than 30,000 students.

Ann (Riordan) Westphal was honored to attend the 50th Jubilee Mass for **Sister Barbara Sullivan, CSJ, '59** in Tucson, Ariz.

'60

Dora (Szabo) Badzey and her husband raised six children. They stay busy by preparing engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

'61

Sister Mona Castelazo, CSJ, retired from teaching English at MSMC and is in charge of the Personal Development Library at Carondelet Center. The library includes works on spiritual, emotional and psychological growth throughout life. Alumnae are welcome to visit the library, which is open daily. She has also written a book, "Under the Skyflower Tree: Reflections of a Nun-entity."

Mary Ann (Russell) Page retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District and is currently raising a 6-year-old great-granddaughter.

Kathryn (Gomez) Smith retired from teaching in 2008.

'62

Rose Marie (Lemus) Brockman retired from private practice and closed the counseling agency she

co-owned with her husband in 2008, the same year she became a grandmother. She stays busy with travel, crafts, continuing professional education, the American Business Women's Association and the Red Hat Society.

Olivia (Munatones) Jordan and her husband both retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. They now have more time to enjoy their four children and 12 grandchildren.

Marie Treacy and her sister, **Jeanne (Treacy) Trudeau '64**, spent 12 days in Ireland in May attending a wedding and exploring their Irish roots.

Mary Lou (Poloni) Weidlich is enjoying retirement and her 3-year-old grandson. She is a member of the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Joseph's Catholic Community in Capitola, Calif.

'63

Barbara "Bobbi" (Dummel) Brunner and her husband are enjoying retirement in Flagstaff, Ariz. Recently, they traveled to Iceland, Denmark and Switzerland. They are planning to visit the United Kingdom this fall. She and her husband have become members of the Community Emergency Response Team and hope to earn amateur radio licenses to help with emergency communications. She volunteers with the Museum of Northern Arizona and the Grand Canyon Trust.

Nance Slattery vacationed in Sedona, Ariz., with **Barbara Buckman** and two other friends.

Pat (Orselli) Zenone and her husband were planning a trip to Italy to trace their genealogy, but had to postpone it until next year because Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupted a week before their departure and their flights were canceled.

'65

Nancy (Reiley) Morgan earned a marriage and family therapist license in 2006 and is now in private practice in Encinitas, Calif. She was previously a high school teacher for 27 years. During the process of obtaining the license, she was introduced by classmate **Esther (Ramirez) Salazar** to the Association of Christian Therapists. After serving as San Diego regional coordinator for several years, she has been elected to the international board of directors starting this fall.

Barbara (Sartori) Thomas retired from full-time work as a school nurse six years ago. For the past three years, she has worked in a school district one day a week to satisfy her passion for school nursing. She is quite immersed in her family, her garden, and local community and parish activities.

'66



Anne (Splingaerd) Megowan (center) was one of the first foreigners to be made an honorary citizen of the capital of China's Gansu province. She received the honor for her book, "The Belgian Mandarin," which is an account of her great-grandfather Paul Splingaerd's life.

Lynn Taylor is now chair of the Doheny Docents.

Mary (Fitzgerald) Vavrik has lived in Mission Viejo, Calif., for more than 30 years. She works for Prudential California Realty and has three grandchildren who live nearby. Five years ago, she organized Mary's Marathoner to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. This past year, the group went international.

'68

Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson was honored by the Oncology Nursing Society. The group renamed its Distinguished Publishing Award as the Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson Distinguished Award for Consistent Contribution to Nursing Literature in recognition of her work as an editor.

Carol (Feloney) Garibay retired from her teaching career in June 2008. In addition to enjoying her three grandchildren, she plans local excursions for the 55+ community where she lives in Calimesa, Calif. She is also an active member of the California Retired Teachers Association, which works to preserve retirement benefits for educators. She will serve as secretary for her local chapter in the coming year.

Kathy (Villar) Jacinto is entering a new phase of life after two rewarding careers as the mother of four children and an educator. In June, she will be retiring as an assistant principal with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren, doing volunteer work, and reconnecting with family and friends.

Maryann Russo has a private psychology practice in Redondo Beach, Calif. She recently published a few poems and is working to complete a manuscript titled "Wild and Still."

'69

Susana Hernandez Araico is the 2010 Commodore for the Women's Sailing Association of Santa Monica Bay. In May, she received the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award from Hispanics for Los Angeles Opera, where she serves as the board historian. In 2009, she was a visiting professor for the master's program in Spanish Golden Age Theatre at the Universitat de València in Spain.

Kathleen (Feran) Broder earned a teaching credential and master's

degree in bilingual education after graduating from the Mount. This year, she celebrates her 30th anniversary and her 30th year of teaching eighth grade language arts and Spanish in Ventura County, Calif.

Eileen (O'Connor) Casanova made her theatrical debut in March at Moorpark College in "Sweet Charity" by Neil Simon. She played the "lady with a hat" and the "good fairy." Both roles were performed by Ruth Buzzi in the '60s original Broadway musical.

Kathleen "Kitty" (Kent) Garvey was named the YWCA 2010 Woman of

Achievement by the YWCA San Gabriel Valley Chapter. This honor is given to women who are positive role models in concert with the YWCA mission statement and who have achieved extraordinary success in their field of work, study or volunteer service.

Laurel Schmidt, an author, researcher and consultant in the fields of education and art, is working in partnership with Teachscape to present "Teacher as Hero" conversations to help teachers rededicate themselves to excellence in the classroom.



Class of '79 grads Sydnee (Wenrick) Johnsonbaugh and Linda (Hall) Smith reminisce at Homecoming 2009.

Reunion Alert — Oct. 9, 2010

Who: Reunions this year are for the Classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 — with special attention to the Silver Anniversary Class of 1985!

When: Reunions will be celebrated at Mount Alum Day on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Chalon Campus.

Volunteer Opportunity: Join your Class Reunion Committee and encourage your classmates to attend. To help make your reunion a success, contact Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or jaruiz@msmc.la.edu.

'70

Nancy (Eddie) Felton retired after 25 years as laboratory director at Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria, Calif. She and her husband travel, fish, and enjoy their children and grandchildren.

Barbara (Rice) Waterkotte is a catechist for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium program at her church. She is also involved in the church's Haiti Relief program, which operates a co-op for the benefit of Our Lady of Perpetual Help orphanage in Jeremie, Haiti.

'72

Cindy (Elder) Haldorson and classmates **Kathy (Knudsen) DeSantis, Mary Durando, Roslyn (Olaes) Granger, Karen (Silva) Hillman, Beatriz (Gutierrez) Rush** and **Sharon (Pech) Schmid** are lifelong friends who get together every five years or so for a long weekend of catching up and renewing their spirits.

Charlene Ryan graduated from the lay ministry academy of the Methodist Church. She serves as a music minister and theology teacher at Yucca Valley (Calif.) United Methodist Church.

'73

Joan (Gumaer) Tyhurst has worked at Notre Dame Academy in West Los Angeles for 36 years, serving for the past six years as principal. She recently had lunch with classmates **Karen (Schiada) Barnes** and **Joanne (Griffo) Svarda**, who also work in Catholic secondary education.

'74

Hank Alviani is an associate professor of music and director of choral and vocal music studies at Clarion University in Clarion, Pa. He is also president of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Choral Association, hosting

the 2010 PCCA Festival with **Paul Salamunovich '61** as the guest conductor.

Acinta (Rafols) Monteverde became licensed as a marriage and family therapist, a goal she has had for 20 years. She is preparing to start a private practice this year, as well as facilitate workshops.

Patricia (Weisser) Reno and her husband celebrated their 30th anniversary in May. She will start her 37th year at Northridge Hospital Medical Center in July.

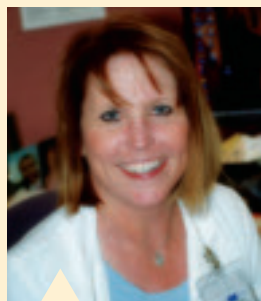
'75

Sandra (Salahub) Glenn has worked in the dialysis field for the past 20 years and is employed as a clinical educator covering a seven-state area for a company that manufactures a portable dialysis machine. She teaches nurses how to train patients to do hemodialysis at home.

'77

Karen (Elvin) Deakin is running for the school board in Colleyville, Texas.

Theresa (Lewis) Del Carlo is married with four children and five grandchildren. She works as a labor and delivery nurse at Santa Rosa (Calif.) Memorial Hospital, teaches childbirth classes and is a clinical obstetrics nursing instructor for Sonoma State University.



Jennifer Marik continues to work at UCLA as a pediatric kidney transplant coordinator. She is looking forward to retirement in seven years so she can work on her golf game.

'78

Dorothy Caruso-Herman serves on the board of directors of Wellness Works, a holistic health center in Glendale, Calif.

'79



Mary Ann (Etcheverry) Putman has a multifaceted nursing career, including work as a clinical instructor, public health nurse and director of a home health agency. In March, she traveled to Haiti as a relief worker (above).

April (Hazard) Vallerand was honored by the American Society for Pain Management Nursing with the 2009 Nurse Exemplar Award for her leadership and outstanding contributions to the practice of pain management.

'80

Catalina Cariaga is now development operations manager at the Boalt Hall School of Law at University of California, Berkeley.



Gina (Poli) Hsiung (left) attended Kappa Delta Chi Sorority's Spring 2010 Presentation Ball, celebrating 81 years at the Mount. The sorority honored two Kappa alumnae for their service and support: Hsiung and **Melissa Viloria '09** (right).

'81

Bernadette (Biondo) Solberg does fundraising for the high school that her two boys attend. She visited with her friend and former roommate **Brazaleen (Pittman) Lyons** and her husband this past summer.

Debbie (Pisano) Tometz has been making woven bead jewelry for the past three years and runs her own business called Accent Jewelry. Her twin boys are starting high school in the fall.

'82

Denise (Anderson) Boiko has written and published a book titled "Homeschooled and Headed for College: Your Road Map for a Successful Journey."

Lisa (Kimble) Edmonston is a monthly contributor to Bakersfield Life and Más Magazine in Bakersfield, Calif. She recently launched A Life's Story, which is a professional obituary writing service.

Marcia (Phillips) Folli is the vice president and chief nursing officer at CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Mable (Sialoi) Logo has been working for the past 20 years as an analyst for the state of California. She has four children.

Brandee (Tucker) McIlroy works as a critical care nurse at Northridge Hospital Medical Center and teaches nursing at UCLA.

'83

Jeanne (Gerrard) Cook will release her second book, "Alien Tango," in December. The book is written under the pen name Gini Koch. She is also published in short fantasy, science fiction and horror under the pen names Anita Ensar and J.C. Koch, and in short humor under her own name.



Alums Compete in Athenian Day Games

For the second year in a row, Alumnae Relations sponsored a team in the Athenian Day Games, held in February at the Chalon Campus. The 19th annual competition included group challenges in arm wrestling, pushing a truck 10 yards and building a tower using chopsticks. The 13-member alum team, called Athena's Army, finished in third place, but won the coveted Athenian Spirit Award, besting 11 other teams of students.

'84

Jenny (Moutard) Mott and her husband will celebrate their 29th anniversary in September. Her first grandchild arrived in January.

'85

Suzanne Chapin is a nurse practitioner in pediatrics and is also educated in family practice. She has taught at the Mount.

Maggie (Carrenti) Grinnell writes suspense stories, poetry and articles, and has two published poetry booklets. She authors monthly articles, for an online magazine and is in the process of publishing her first children's book.

'86

Laura DiFusco is a recreation therapist consultant in the field of rehabilitation and works in advocacy assisting individuals with special needs. Her triplets are now 10 years old.

Norma (Daley) Levy lives

in Melbourne, Fla., and is the property manager for a commercial development she and her husband own. Her hobbies include gardening, traveling, reading, working Sudoku puzzles, cooking and doing Pilates.

'87

Christine (Darcy) Henningsson is a home health nurse in the mother/baby/pediatric division at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, Calif. Before beginning her career, she traveled with fellow alumna **Suzanne (Cooper) Freitas**. They flew around the world from east to west for seven months, visiting Southeast Asia, India, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Egypt and Europe. Christine is married to a Swedish man and has two children who attend Catholic schools run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

'88

Janeen (Hibbs) Gallegos is director of nursing support services at Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Kelly Kester-Smith celebrated the 10th anniversary of her business, YES! Ventures Inc., a fund-development and communications firm serving nonprofit organizations. She and **Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, '69** co-authored two chapters in a textbook titled "Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States," published by the University of California Press in 2010.

Caryn (Ruiz) Nadeau earned the Certified Professional in Learning and Performance credential from the American Society for Training & Development. She is a vice president and performance consultant at Union Bank.

'89

Derek Garbellini finished medical school at Ohio State University in 2005 and is now working as an assistant professor at Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. He has been married for 21 years and has two children.

'90

Cassandra (Larson) Ornelas celebrated her 20th year as a nurse in June. She is a district nurse for the Santa Barbara School District and has worked as a school nurse for the past 14 years.

Beatrice (Nevarez) Rodriguez is the acting director of education at Summit Career College in Colton, Calif. Her son graduated from high school in June. She also hopes that one of her twin daughters will attend the Mount.

'91

Laurie Jaurequi is a guidance counselor at Hot Springs High School in Truth or Consequences, N.M. She has been a guidance counselor for more than 10 years. She enjoys

reading, bicycling, playing sports with her son and water skiing.

Emma Lee has a private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist in Hermosa Beach, Calif., and is the school counselor at St. Philomena Elementary School in Carson, Calif. She is also the director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where she has been on staff for more than 25 years. She has seven grandchildren.

'92

Sharon (Kirk) Gorman was promoted to associate professor of physical therapy at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, Calif., where she has taught in the doctor of physical therapy program for six years. In July 2009, she traveled to Les Cayes, Haiti, on a three-week volunteer medical mission to provide physical therapy and rehabilitation services.



Michelle (Johndrow) Marks received a New Investigator research grant of almost \$25,000 from the Scoliosis Research Society to study motion preservation in adolescents with fused spines.

Ann (White) Medeiros and her husband have been married for 16 years and live in Kailua, Hawaii. She has been a stay-at-home mom with her two sons for nine years. She is an active volunteer at her sons' school and was a member of the team that helped the school earn an International Baccalaureate certification. She also teaches religious education to third graders at her parish church.

'94

Tara Mendizabal moved to her home state of New York in 2000 and began working as a visiting nurse in 2001. Since 2006, she has been the director of the Clinical Case Management program in the Visiting Nurse Service of New York's Community Mental Health Services division.

'95

Melanie Caiazza-Robinson lives outside of Canterbury, England, and received her PhD in 2009. She earned her degree while working full time at a private secondary school as the head of film studies and an English teacher, in addition to being deputy housemistress.

Martha (Verduzco) Charre completed her 15th year as a fourth grade teacher for El Rancho Unified School District in Pico Rivera, Calif.

Marie Anne Legaspi is an instructor in the Associate Degree in Nursing program at the Mount. She is also a family nurse practitioner, teaches at USC and serves as the alumnae/president mentor for the Kappa Delta Chi Sorority at MSMC.

'96

Christy Cannariato authored a chapter of "Darwin in Atlantic Cultures: Evolutionary Visions of Race, Gender and Sexuality." The chapter is titled "Rise and Fall: Degeneration, Historical Determinism, and William Faulkner's Absalom, Absalom!" She teaches literature courses as an adjunct instructor in the Mount's Weekend College and continues to work as a freelance court reporter.

Linda (Nguyen) Khalil brought her new baby girl, Maryam, from Arkansas to be baptized in Mary Chapel on April 25, which was also the Alum Liturgy service.

alum community

'97

Rochelle LeBlanc resigned after 10 years from the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging and is a consultant in the field of aging, health services management and business management. She also chairs the Commission for the Senior Community for the city of Santa Monica, Calif.

Nancy Nochez is employed by the Los Angeles Superior Court as a probate investigator responsible for investigating the appropriateness of establishing conservatorships and guardianships for residents of Los Angeles County.

'98

Giovanna Brasfield was the keynote speaker at the Mount's Annual African American Admitted Students Dinner held in March at the Doheny Mansion.

'99

Ivy Johnson began online classes with the University of Phoenix to earn a bachelor's degree in human services/management. She has three children and is pursuing a career in social services as well as volunteering at her son's elementary school.

'01

Kay Murdy published her fifth book, "A Closer Walk With Jesus," a collection of daily reflections for the gospels of all three cycles of Lent. She also writes a monthly column for the magazine *Ministry & Liturgy*.

'02

Qeona Hamilton-Aguilar has been teaching at the elementary-school level for eight years and has served as the elected United Teachers Los Angeles union representative for two years.

'03

Heather Teresa Buchanan is in her final year of earning a doctor of education in educational leadership,

with a specialization in curriculum and instruction, from the University of Phoenix. She is also a fifth grade teacher and intermediate level leader at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School in Decatur, Ga., where she has worked for six years.

Lovelyn Marquez-Prueher was certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She and her husband are expecting their first child in August.



Margarita Rivas lives in Washington, D.C., and is the chief scheduler for the administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Erin Schell began a career in marketing after graduation. She received an MBA and is looking forward to continuing her work in marketing and higher education.



Denise Souder is an assistant professor at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. In 2008, she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

'04

Cynthia Chavez was married in May. She and her husband got engaged in Paris while on a European vacation and celebrated their engagement in

Florence, Italy, for an entire month.

Donna Layssard received a master's degree in community psychology in 2006 with a specialization in issues of aging and the disabled. She is an associate in the Community Psychology program at Antioch University. In 2008, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her outstanding work in communities.

Camille Ramos was accepted into the EdD program at USC for fall 2010.

'05

Natasha Asinas is the marketing coordinator for Fontana Distribution/Universal Music Group. She serves the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (OLA) in the young adult ministry, Eucharistic ministry and the Cathedral Council of Interfaith Women. She also volunteers for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as a Young Adult Ministry Advisory Board member and OLA regional team member.

Esther Gomez was a staff educator at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center until this past year. She now owns Sycamore Learning Center for Nurses.

Nicole (Rollins) Myjak was accepted in 2009 into the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program at the FertilityCare Center of Kansas City and expects to become certified this November. She is a fertility care practitioner with Lourdes Medical Center, a Catholic hospital in Pasco, Wash. Lourdes was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in the 1920s.

'06

Dayanna Soto received a competitive stipend/scholarship from the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. It requires a one-year commitment to the department and guarantees employment after graduation as a



Alumnae Board Vice President Sheena Ricchio '98 and Darrilyn Ricchio enjoy sampling the wines at the Annual Alumnae Wine Tasting in March.

county social worker. She is an intern at DCFS and expects to begin in June as an employee post-MSW graduation.

'08

Miriam Cano is enrolled in the Catholic Inclusive Education program at Loyola Marymount University, a master's program to prepare educators for work in parochial schools.

'09

Marcia Brewer and **David Brewer** '08 celebrated their 16th anniversary. They are attending the master's in humanities program together at Mount St. Mary's.

two by two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

'72 Charlene Ryan to Caroline Moore
'02 Cynthia Chavez to Pablo Oliveros
'02 Suzanne Zarate to Colin Winkler
'04 Edith Garcia to Jose Galvan

by-lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'95 Gianna Grace to April (Maynard) Pettit, third child, second daughter
'96 Maryam to Linda (Nguyen) Khalil, second child, first daughter
'96 Gabriel D'Angelo to Cynthia Moreno-Estrada, first child
'97 Bastian to Veronica (Salmeron) Goode, second child, first daughter
'98 Garrison Abram Brasfield-Kiflit to Giovanna Brasfield, first child
'98 Emma Elizabeth to Dawn (CeDillos) Harlow, third child, first daughter
'01 Triplets: Austin Michael, Caden Christopher and Michaela Elizabeth to Jennifer (Sampson) Shay, second and third sons, first daughter
'02 Keion Patrick to Qeona Hamilton-Aguilar, first child
'03 Addison Grace to Hannah (Cvammen) Bobrowski, second child, second daughter

requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'39 Hanora (Hough) Corbett
'39 Marjorie Schultz
'51 sister of Genevieve (Weeger) Smurda
'52 husband and sister of Marie (Astier) Devine
'53 Sister Miriam Therese Larkin, CSJ
'55 husband of Phyllis (Kiney) Hall
'58 brother of Barbara (Studer) Collins
'61 husband of Mary Ann (Russell) Page
'64 father of Christine Reising
'64 Margarita Samaniego
'67 mother of Billie Anne Bay
'68 father of Sandra (Mann) Lambert
'69 husband of Carol (Hricik) Ule
'72 Christine Lilly-Hicks
'78 father of Cecilia (Sustayta) Salazar
'86 mother of Sande Harte
'99 father of Susette Aguiar-Possnack
'03 Paul Craft

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Mount community.

The Mount community is saddened by the deaths of **Paul Craft '03, '09 MS; Roger K. Hughes; and Sister Miriam Therese Larkin, CSJ, '53.** Craft served as vice president for institutional advancement since 2008. Hughes, former co-chair of the Regents Council, served as a trustee for eight years and was named Trustee Emeritus in 2006. Larkin previously served as a Mount trustee for 12 years and as a professor of philosophy and religious studies. She chaired the philosophy department from 1965 to 1982.

advanced degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alums for their intellectual achievement:

- '74 Kathryn Macek, MDiv, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, May 2010
- '82 Marcia (Phillips) Folli, MS in health administration, Chapman University, 2008
- '84 Jenny (Moutard) Mott, MSN, California State University, Fullerton, May 2010
- '89 Derek Garbellini, MD, Ohio State University, 2005
- '90 Beatrice (Nevarez) Rodriguez, MA in education, Touro University International, 2006
- '91 Laura Jauregui, school psychologist license, Western New Mexico University, 2007
- '94 Anjanette Gaane, MSN, University of Phoenix, May 2010
- '95 Melanie Caiazza-Robinson, PhD in medieval and early modern studies, University of Kent at Canterbury, Nov. 2009
- '95 April (Maynard) Pettit, MM in music education, Arizona State University, Dec. 2007
- '96 Christy Cannariato, PhD in English, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2007
- '96 Ron Carpio, board certification in medical-surgical nursing, April 2010

- '00 Martha (Cervantes) Ramirez, MS in education and single subject credential, MSMC, May 2008
- '03 Paul Craft, MS in counseling psychology, MSMC, 2009
- '03 Erin Schell, MBA, Vanguard University, May 2010
- '03 Denise Souder, EdD, USC, May 2009
- '04 Edith Garcia-Galivan, MBA, Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University, Nov. 2009
- '04 Donna Layssard, MA in psychology, Antioch University, 2006
- '04 Camille Ramos, MEd, USC, Aug. 2010
- '05 Natasha Asinas, MBA, MSMC, Dec. 2009
- '06 Erica Huntzinger, MPH, UCLA, June 2009
- '06 Daisy Pizana, MPA, USC, May 2010
- '06 Dayanna Soto, MSW, California State University, Dominguez Hills, May 2010

NOTE: We are proud of all of our alums and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Class Notes.

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Questions?

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Remembering the Mount

Thinking of including the Mount in your estate plan? Please let us know. There are many ways to do this. We can help you decide which is best for you. Contact Sharon Keely, director of planned giving, at 213.477.2740 or skeely@msmc.la.edu.



Choosing to See

By Rosamond Rodman

It is a funny thing, what we see and what we do not. Perhaps *not* seeing is more a matter of volition than we are willing to admit. When I teach “World Religions,” I like to take students to visit neighboring religious communities. Once, when our class visited an Islamic mosque near the Mount’s Doheny Campus, one of the students commented, “Wow, I go by this place all the time, but I never knew it was there!” The student’s wonderfully honest comment made clear that while she passed the mosque routinely, she never really saw it.

Although we live in a city lauded for its diversity, this diversity tends to function theoretically and selectively. When it comes to Islam this is especially true, for there is tremendous misunderstanding about Islam in the United States due in part to what we focus on and what we are unable or unwilling to see.

In January 2010, I was selected to participate in a 16-day Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture seminar, funded by the Council of

Independent Colleges and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. Twelve independent college and university faculty not trained in Islam or Middle Eastern culture, but who teach the subjects as part of their course rotation, flew to Amman, Jordan, to gain firsthand experience with the region and its politics, culture and history. Our seminar speakers included policy experts, politicians, academics, activists and artists. When we were not in class, we travelled the length and breadth of Jordan, visiting archaeological sites, museums, a UN refugee camp, private homes and *souks* (shops).

The seminar invited us to reflect on what we see and what we choose not to see. For example, the Middle East is, like Los Angeles, flush with diverse cultures and peoples and the inevitable tensions and the joyous connections that result. Deepening knowledge about Islam and the Middle East quickly dispelled the notion that our differences are more substantial than our more obvious similarities. Too many perceptions

of Islam in the West stem from what Sigmund Freud called “the narcissism of minor differences,” that is, the magnification of minor differences (of region, melanin content of skin, language, and religious or other tribal affiliation) in order to produce and rationalize violence. In other words, by focusing on minor differences we see terror instead of neighbor.

During one of our meetings, a group of young Jordanian women came to chat. The women were wearing stylish and colorful *hijab* (head coverings). After some discussion of the differences among women’s headwear, one of the women asked, “Why are you so concerned about our covering our hair?”

Curiously, the young women in my “World Religions” class understood immediately what the Muslim women told me: Head covering can be liberating for women, freeing them from objectifying and sexualizing gazes, and placing them on more equal footing with men. Muslim women’s heads have been the site of over-determined attention that has led to a distorted understanding of Islam.

Consider the matter in a comparative perspective. Buddhist nuns shave their heads, while Catholic, Anglican and orthodox Jewish women religious, like Muslims, also cover their hair. By revealing these similarities across religion and culture, it becomes obvious that the distorted focus on the *hijab* is a biased way of seeing.

Perhaps we too, like the student at the local mosque, can look for opportunities to see — really see — what we pass by every day. ♣

Rosamond Rodman is an assistant professor of religious studies at the Mount.

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on Dec. 18, to tour the historic Doheny Mansion. Tours are at 9, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. For more information, go to www.dohenymansion.org or call 213.477.2962. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The following calendar represents only some of the events at Mount St. Mary's College. For more up-to-date listings, visit www.msmc.la.edu and click on "Calendars." For alumnae events, visit www.msmcalums.la.edu.



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Doheny Campus

october

- 3–8 Founders Week Activities, Alumnae Relations, 213.477.2767
- 8 Alumnae Concert, Doheny Mansion, 310.954.4265
- 9 Mount Alum Day, Alumnae Relations, 213.477.2767
- 12–20 Alum Trip to Provence, Alumnae Relations, 213.477.2769

november

- 15 Application Deadline, Masters in Nursing, Humanities, Psychology, Religious Studies and Education programs (Spring 2011), 213.477.2800
- 29 Application Deadline, Weekend College (Spring 2011), 213.477.2866

december

- 1 Application Deadline, Doctor of Physical Therapy program (Fall 2011), 213.477.2800
- 3 Christmas Choral Concert, Chalon Campus, 310.954.4265
- 18 Doheny Mansion Public Tours, 213.477.2962



1952 — The English-language premiere of “The Great World Theater” with original score on the steps and colonnade surrounding The Circle



1929 — Members of the all-female cast of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”



1949 — “Everybody Goes to College,” an original work by actor Paul Picerni, at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre

1929 – 2010

The College’s foundation in the dramatic arts started with one-act plays at St. Mary’s Academy in the late 1920s, but soon the new Mount St. Mary’s College was producing high-quality theatrical dramas that drew citywide attention. The 1929 performance of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” literally set the stage. This costumed extravaganza at the Fox Mesa Theater featured scores of student actors and began a tradition of all-female casts that prevailed until the 1940s. The Mount continued to stage its bigger productions at some of the city’s most prestigious venues, including the Wilshire Ebell and Carthay Circle theatres. On-campus plays were held in the Little Theater (now the William H. Hannon), built in 1945.

The College’s repertoire ranged from Shakespeare and religious dramas to popular comedies and musicals. The first male actors from Loyola University arrived in the mid-1940s. Eventually, productions became community events with faculty and staff joining the casts — sometimes in starring roles. The Mount played host to a number of world premieres, drawing prominent Catholic actors, playwrights, composers and producers to the English department and drama program. More recently, student drama clubs have kept up the tradition with productions on both campuses. This past April, the English department revived its historic role with the production of the comedy “Parallel Lives.”♣



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